



WEST LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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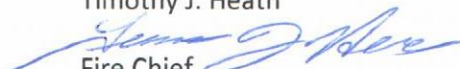
Call totals: West Lafayette Fire responded to 170 Total Calls in January: 117 Medical, 3 Fire, 1 Hazardous Condition, 19 Service Calls, 6 Good-Intent Calls, and 24 False Alarms.

Training: January's brutal cold hampered the WLFD's training time since the frigid temperatures limited the amount of time the trucks have been outside. Several guys are taking classes, two in the Instructor 1 class. We completed ice rescue training as well as chimney fire training and winter ops.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant: The West Lafayette Fire Department has been awarded the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant in the amount of \$20,982.12. This grant will allow our department to purchase 12 Heartstart FRx Defibrillators, 12 Heartstart FRx carrying cases, and 12 AED (Automated External Defibrillator) wall cabinet fast response kits. Now, every city building and every fire truck will house an AED unit, creating a safer environment for our citizens. "Firehouse Subs was founded by firemen, and their motto is 'helping our hometown heroes'. They've definitely helped us!"

Carbon monoxide poisoning can easily occur this time of year because sources of CO (i.e., faulty furnaces, heaters, portable generators, and wood-burning stoves) are used more frequently. CO is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless toxic gas that can lead to death. An estimated 15,000 emergency room visits and 500 unintentional deaths in the US each year are due to CO poisoning.

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Fire Chief